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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 14334

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, RP  
SUBJECT: YOUNG AFP OFFICERS CRITICAL OF US BASES

REF: (A) MANILA 13478, (B) 77 MANILA 1322 (270219Z JAN 77)  
- (C) CHJUSMAG 160700Z AUG 76

1. REF A REPORTS SHARPLY CRITICAL COMMENTS ABOUT BASES IN PHILIPPINES BY YOUNG AFP OFFICERS AT THE PHILIPPINE ARMY TRAINING COMMAND (PATC). THIS IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF WORRISOME TREND WE HAVE SEEN OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS AMONG YOUNGER AFP OFFICERS, ESPECIALLY MINDANAO VETERANS.

2. WE DO NOT HAVE THE IDENTITY OF THE OFFICERS WHO LED THE VERBAL ATTACK ON THE BASES AT PATC (REF A), BUT HAVE OFTEN FOUND THAT SUCH CRITICS ARE YOUNG OFFICERS WHO HAVE HAD LITTLE OR NO CONTACT WITH THE US THROUGH TRAINING PROGRAMS, ETC., AND WHO TEND TO VIEW THE UNITED STATES AND THE BASES AS IRRELEVANT TO THE ONLY CONFLICT THEY HAVE KNOWN -- MINDANAO, A MESSY AND DEBILITATING STRUGGLE IN WHICH SUPPLY IS HAPHAZARD AND PROSPECTS UNCERTAIN.

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3. WE ARE NOT RECOMMENDING CLOSER US INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CONFLICT IN MINDANAO BUT WE WISH TO UNDERLINE AGAIN THE VALUE OF EXPANDING IMET TRAINING PROGRAMS (REF B) TO PROMOTE AFP SELF-RELIANCE AND TO PROVIDE US MORE CONTACT WITH YOUNG AFP OFFICERS. FOR CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF IMET PROGRAM IN THE PHILIPPINES, SEE REF C WHICH WAS PREPARED

BY CHJUSMAG IN COLLABORATION WITH EMBASSY. MURPHY

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